



# HOLY ORTHODOX CHURCH *in* NORTH AMERICA

*Lazarus Saturday  
April 7/20, 2019*

Honourable Clergy of the  
Holy Orthodox Church in North America

Dear Fathers,

Christ is in our midst!

As of today, our Church is no longer in Communion with the Synod of Archbishop Makarios of Athens.

Despite the sincere attempts of our Synod to salvage the relationship between our Churches, the chain of events that was triggered by Archbishop Makarios' letter of October 2018, culminated with the breaking of Communion between us. As shown in the documents presented here, our every act of goodwill and our every concession over the past six months, was met from the other side with one unreasonable demand after another, apparently aimed at deliberately torpedoing our unity.

Moreover, as explained clearly in the last letter written by our Synod to the Bishops in Greece, the Synod of Archbishop Makarios not only broke off Communion with our Church, but due to the grievous errors contained in their new confession of faith, they even have fallen away from sound doctrine.

Below, we have collected the documents that chronicle these lamentable events.

May our Saviour keep us always steadfast in the blameless Orthodox Faith. Amen.

In Christ our Saviour,

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